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LOK SABHA

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PETROLEUM DEPOTS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petroleum depots in the State of Odisha, location-wise particularly in KBK region;

(b) whether the Government has any plan to open new petroleum depots in KBK region;

(c) if so, the time frame in this regard;

(d) the reasons for closure of Sambalpur depot; and

(e) the reasons for supply of oil for Western Region from Paradip port instead of Waltair which is nearer?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a): At present, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), namely Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) have 14 petroleum depots in operation in the State of Odisha including one in Kalahandi Bolangir Koraput (KBK) Region.

(b) & (c): HPCL has planned one new petroleum depot at Muniguda (KBK region) in the State of Odisha. The time frame for implementation is contingent upon handing over of land and obtaining necessary statutory clearances.

(d): HPCL's Sambalpur petroleum depot was closed in August, 2008 for safety & logistic reasons. However, petroleum depots of IOCL and BPCL are in operation at Sambalpur.

(e): At present, Public Sector OMCs are supplying Petrol and Diesel to the Western Region of Odisha ex-Paradip instead of Waltair (Vizag) due to logistic reasons and economic viability.